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A and Q Pest Report

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DATE: August 17, 2007
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: Weekly A and Q Report – August 9 - 15, 2007

Attached is the report for all A and Q pests intercepted or detected in California and identified by the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Plant Pest Diagnostics Laboratory from August 9-15, 2007. The following is a summary of some pest interceptions of interest:

Lesser snow scales from Costa Rica

On August 11, 2007, Los Angeles County High Risk Pest Exclusion inspectors detected A-rated lesser snow scales (*Pinnaspis strachani*) and a Q-rated insect egg on a 137-carton shipment of *Dracaena* sp. propagative plant material (PDRs 1353702-5). The shipment originated in Costa Rica, and because lesser snow scale is not a federal actionable pest, the shipment passed through United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant and Health Inspection Services inspections in Miami before being forwarded on to Los Angeles. Two of the plants were heavily infested with both dead and live adult female and male crawler scales. Los Angeles County had the shipment sealed in a truck to be destroyed.

Gypsy moth found in Orange County

On August 13, 2007, Pest Detection and Emergency Projects (PDEP) personnel found adult gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) in a trap placed in a San Clemente resident's pepper tree (PDR 1428001). Following the protocol of the CDFA Gypsy Moth Action Plan, no regulatory action will be taken at this time. However, the trap density has been increased to determine if the area is infested.



Adult gypsy moths
(right and center photos)



Gypsy moth caterpillar

If you have any questions regarding pest interceptions listed under the action codes Quarantine - State Exterior (01) or Quarantine - State Interior (02), contact Katie Filippini at: kfilippini@cdfa.ca.gov.